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good State to live in to a good old age, we refer you to the obituary notices in the circumstances, I thought it best. I this issue where you will find that thir- found files of communications, Alliteen deaths, taken as they come, are of men averaging more than 69 years notices in the editor's office and have

WAKE up there, brother. THE PRO-GRESSIVE FARMER knocks at your door. It seeks admission. It comes brimful of the latest and best Alliance and reform news. It will be worth many dollars a visit to you and your family. For one dollar it will come 52 times, and you will get free the Groupe Picticture of the officers of the N. F. A. and I. U., which is worth another dollar. Tell your neighbor about this.

The Wilmington Messenger writes an editorial on "Polk's Order," but leaves its readers in total darkness as to what the order is. THE PROGRES-SIVE FARMER has been fortunate enough to keep up with the National President in all "orders" but it frank ly confesses that it knows nothing of the one of which our esteemed contemporary writes so fluently. The truth is that President Polk has not issued any "order" to the order. If so, will the Messenger state what it is? The Alliance is not in the habit of receiving or obeying orders from any man, and none knows this better than its Presi-

PERSONAL.

With the present issue of THE PRO-GRESSIVE FARMER my connection with it as editor terminates. I retire from the paper of my own motion, and am eral public, my reasons for retiring.

that its enactment into law would be nowin vogue should continue. Does any cially so to the agricultural interests to the people any appreciable relief? cilable conflict with my views; and the man know that it would but only manly and honorable course left strenghthen the hands of the money open for me is to retire, and let another editor take charge of the paper those of the friends of the Sub-Treas-

ury bill. It is due to Col. Polk and to all the other officers of the Alliance that I should distinctly say, that no pressure of any kind has ever been brought to bear upon me to induce me to take any position that I could not occupy with a conscience void of offense. I have been treated by all the brethren with whom I have been associated in the management of the paper with the cial reform in the system which now most marked, and the most unintermitted kindness; and I retire with the

kindliest feelings for all my associates. Seven months ago I took up the pen as editor with many doubts and misgivings. During this time I have used that tariff was the greatast of all issues any one-to write no sentence that can better. They will force the issuebring a blush of shame to the face of a financial reform—and it will have to gambling in futures? gentleman. I have used it to write be met.

only what I believed in my inmost soul to be true. I lay it down with the full assurance that the man who takes it up after me will find no filthy stain upon it.

I want to express my deep sense of the kindness and indulgence shown to me by the members of the State press during my brief time of editoral service. No gentleman of the North Carolina press has written an unkindly thing about me during these months; and I value this more than I can say.

I do not personally know the gentleman who is to succeed me. But I have no doubt he will bring to the paper a riper experience and greater ability than I can ever hope to command and I bespeak for him the same kind and indulgent treatment I have received. I cannot wish him more.

To the readers and friends of the paper, I extend my warmest wishes for their happiness and continued BAYLUS CADE.

REV. BAYLUS CADE.

Brother Cade retires from the edi torial control of The Progressive FARMER with this issue. He carries with him wherever he goes the respect, esteem and good wishes of all who are connected with the paper.

EXPLANATORY.

As farewells and introductions are PROGRESSIVE FARMER, I feel that it will not be amiss for me to say my howdygood-bye a'together. Editor Cade has gone and Editor Duffy has been detained speeches, called upon the speakers and on account of the protracted illness of expressed hearty sympathy with them his wife. So it has fallen to my lot, in The date on your label tells you addition to my duties as Business Manager, to act Editor pro tem. this week. If you find anything in this issue that and decide upon what is best to do. admitted, please charge it to me individually and do not hold THE PROGRESSIVE | is over the spirit of antagonism to Alli-FARMER responsible for it. I, and I As proof that North Carolina is a alone, am responsible for permitting it to appear, and I did it because, under ance correspondence and obituary tried to clean them off this week. And then I have just fairly given "scissors" to our exchanges. I hope by this that you will be entertained and benefited, and if it should fall to my lot to have to get out another issue, I hope this one long week's experience may enable me to do better next time.

> We hope Maj. Duffy will be here in time to get out the next issue.

> > J. W. DENMARK.

----MR. P. F. DUFFY.

to our readers Mr. P. F. Duffy as the Editor of The Progressive Farmer He needs no word of introduction or commendation to those of our friends who have favored this paper with their patronage from its beginning, for it will be remembered he was the Associate Editor of The Progressive year of its existence. As to his position, his principles and his loyalty to the people, we ask that he be judged by his works. He is one of the bestknown writers of the State, and we feel assured will prove himself entirely acceptable to the readers and friends of The Progressive Farmer.

----THE GREAT ISSUE.

Financial reform is and must be the great issue before the people for the led to this step by a sense of duty. It | year 1892 and for all the years to come is right that I should give to the until the country is relieved of the readers of the paper, and to the gen-blighting single money standard. Tariff After a careful and patient study of tariff was reduced to a horizontal level Alliance upon this measure is in irrecon- financial system, does not any sane currency increased but first and above have such change in our financial systariff, free coinage, transportation, interest, all these and more are very important matters, but are not to be compared to the great, vital, important and overshadowing question of finangives the gold-bugs of Europe and America the power to crush out the industrial energies of the people.

Mr. Cleveland succeeded in imposing | cient volume of currency to meet the upon the people of his party the belief it to write no personal attacks upon but the whole people have learned rate of interest?

ASK HIM TO BE MANLY AND FAIR.

When a man opposes the Sub-Treas ury plan hear him through patiently and respectfully and then ask him these three simple questions:

1. Are you in favor of doing away with the national banking system?

2. Are you in favor of issuing direct to the people a sufficient volume of currency to meet the demands of the legitimate business of the country at a low rate of interest?

3. Are you in favor of stopping the gambling in futures of the agricultural and mechanical products of the country? If he answers affirmatively to each of these questions, say to him that he is in favor of the great objects sought to be reached by the Sub-Treasury bill, and that if that bill will not accomplish these things, we only ask him to give us a bill that will do it. Tell him the Alliance will gladly drop the Sub-Treasury bill if it will not do this and will gladly take the one that will do it. But we will not abandon it until its opponents will come forward in good faith and show us a bill that will better do the work.

[By Telegraph to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.] HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS., June 17, 1891. -President Polk and Col. Livingston heretofore opposed the Alliance demands, after hearing the great hands of the people? in their efforts for reform, saying they were now ready for the first time to tour of these gentlemen in Mississippi

On Wednesday of last week the Re publican State Convention of Ohio nominated by acclamation for the high office of Governor of the great Buck-Eye State the Hon. (?) Bill Mc Kinley, of McKinley Bill fame. Ex-Governor Foraker, in placing him in nomination, is reported to have said

ance demands will be, in a great meas

B. G. WEST.

ure, overcome.

"In the first place we must fight that time-honored enemy, the Demothat even the devil could not kill. And in the next place nobody yet knows how many third parties. do know, however, that the political shibboleth of each and every one of these political organizations will be anything to beat the Republican party. Not only is the Governorship of the great State of Ohio at stake, but this It is with pleasure that we introduce | contest involves more than the Governorship, more than the General Assembly, more than the public insti-

"It reaches out into national politics. A United States Senator will depend upon its result, and more important still than all this, it will determine whether this great Stats of Ohio is to go into the next great national contest of 1892 at the head of the Republican FARMER during the first and trying or at the head of the Democratic

TRY IT.

dinners will be held all over the country within the next few months will be said on the stump and in the press of Alliance principles and measures. Men will pounce upon the Subwill boldly denounce it without even go so far (as many of them have done is not the great question. Suppose the and are doing) as to say this: "The begin to study politics? Why does it the Sub-Treasury bill, I am convinced of 25 per cent. and the money system sound, but they must give up that Verily, we know where your power disastrous to the country, and espe- sane man believe that it would bring Treasury bill." Are they honest and living issue-financial reform. The of the country. Holding this view, I Suppose the government should issue Are they friends to the Alliance? Do issues, and the people are determined cannot write one word in favor of that one hundred or five hundred dollars per they believe that all their other de that they shall be considered as such. bill. The dominant sentiment in the capita and have no change in our mands are right? Is their objection The People's Party means life to only to the Sub-Treasury bill? Nine times out of ten when you find a man who is opposed to the Sub-Treasury power to oppress us? No, we want a bill, if you will sound him you will find to save the homes of our people; the great modification of the wicked tariff | that he is equally opposed to other dewhose views are in harmony with system-we want the volume of mands. When a man makes a speech against the Sub-Treasury bill, let some all this we must demand and must brother rise and inform him that there are other demands equally as importem as will secure to the people the tant and the people want to know how benefits of a reduced tariff and an in- he stands on the other demands. Then creased volume of currency. The ask him the following questions and demand that he give a prompt and plain yes or no answer to each one as they are read, and you will find him flinching on many, if not most of

> QUESTIONS. 1. Do you favor the abolishment of

national banks? 2. Do you favor the issue of a suffi demands of legitimate business of the country, direct to the people, at a low

3. Do you favor the prohibition of

4. Do you favor the prohibition of

5. Do you believe that no one industry should be built up at the expense of another?

6. Do you favor taking the heavy tariff tax from the necessities of life? 7. Do you favor a graduated tax or

8. Do you believe that all revenues State and National, should be limited to the necessary expenses of the government, honestly and economically administered?

9. Do you believe in a rigid, honest and just State and National Governmental control of railroads and telegraph lines, and if such control cannot be had, then that the government shall

10. Do you believe that United States Senators should be elected by a direct vote of the people?

Note carefully his answers to each of these questions and send them to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for publication. 'It will be found that the opponents of the Sub-Treasury plan are generally, if not invariably opposed to other demands equally as important to the people, and that their attack on this particular measure is only a dodge to conceal their opposition to our other spoke to a good audience, composed of demands. Try it, brethren. Ask the all classes, here to-day. Their speeches questions, demand plain and unemade an excellent impression upon quivocal answers. Add another quesnon-Alliancemen, and greatly enthused | tion to the above: "If you favor the the order of this week's issue of THE the brotherhood. Many of the mercan- issuing of money by the government tile and professional classes, who have direct to the people what plan have you for getting the money in the

THE TRUE POSITION.

The true position for true Alliance men is, to stand by and defend and join hands with the farmers in spirit advocate the principles enunciated and promulgated by the order, to extend you do not think ought to have been We predict that before the lecturing the cordial right hand of fraternity and friendship to any and all men who will stand with us on these principles, and to oppose any man or men who oppose these principles.

THE FIGHT AGAINST THE PEO-PLE'S PARTY.

BEAVER DAM, N. C., June 11, '91. MR. EDITOR:-When it was proclaimed that the People's Party had been born, the foundations of both the old parties shook and trembled. The money lords reasoned among themselves, wondering what the result cratic party, which it would appear would be. And still they are scared. The leaders of both the old parties putting their heads together and saying, 'We must down this thing, or we will lose our places." One said to another, "We must divide the people on the tariff. By this we have been abundantly successful, and this plan is our only hope to survive." And thus they reasoned. So their

literature is distributed gratuitously

to citizens from one end of this coun-

try to the other. They are using their press for all it is worth. Both the old parties seek to destroy this reform movement, and both resort to the same methods. In a word, they are united against the People's Party. Does it look as if they want a government for the people, when they are so desperate in their efforts to prevent the Mass meetings, picnics and harvest free action of the people? Oh, you fraudulent parties! What makes you so bold? How have you the audacity by the members of the Alliance. Much to ask the people to stick to you, when you have established a system that robs them of their earnings, robs them of their homes and turns them out into Treasury bill with all their power and the world as slaves and paupers? And when they ask you to stop this system offering a suggestion as to any method and establish one that will give justice by which the people may get the relief to all classes, why do you ignore them? offered by that bill. They will even Do you think the laboring people are getting out of their business when they Alliance is all right-its principles are hurt you so to be told of your robbery wild, chimerical scheme, the Sub- lies. You old parties have evaded the earnest? There is one way to find out. People's Party embodies the only real American industries. The old parties mean life to bankers, trusts and monopolies. The People's Party means old parties to make tenants, slaves and "A guilty conscience needs no ac-

cuser." You old parties have exercised great dread since labor organizations have come into existence. You have feared that they would "go into politics," and have earnestly advised against it. Are you afraid that our government will not rest in the hands of the people? If so, why do you try to hinder them in their move? Do you take the laboring men to be fools, too ignorant to know what they need? If so, send out some of your men to discuss living issues with them. Are you so shallow as to think the people will vote with you and against a party whose platform embodies all their demands? movement, but it is like shooting asked to name the most striking result straws against a brick wall. The time has come when people are not to be deceived by party bosses.

J. Z. GREENE.

People sneer at the greenback currency and call it "flat money," but let us see what it has done.

The "rag baby" was born thirty rears ago.

The first thing it did was to come to the relief of the government when gold slunk away and hid itself in the dens of the Shylock.

It paid, fed, clothed, armed, and supplied an army of a million men and kept them in the field four years.

It built and equipped a splendid navy. It planted the stars and stripes upon every fort in the United States, unmanacled three million slaves, and restored peace.

It brought home and set to work the men of two great armies, and for years kept them so busily employed that soldiers at all.

It furnished a desolate South with means to restore its lost wealth, and rapidly put it upon the road to pros-

It has provided a nation, which has more than doubled its population in thirty years, with a safe, convenient, and never-failing medium of exchange.

greatest nations that the world ever developed.

It provided the great commercial world of America with its life-blood.

It improved more farms, built more manufactories, more new towns, opened more hidden stores of mineral wealth, than was ever thought of before in the history of our country.

It took care of the public debt, and even paid a high premium for gold with which to pay interest and principal of the debt amounting to \$5,000, 000,000.

It carried on the National Government and the various State govern-

It built one hundred thousand miles of railroad—almost as much as there is in all the rest of the civilized world put together.

It built more labor saving machinery than the world ever saw since the days of Adam. It has fed, clothed, and sheltered a

great nation of sixty-five millions of It has paid debts to the extent of bil-

ions and billions of dollars. In short, it has been the life-blood, the steam-power, the propelling force of this great nation, doing all, nay, ten times more than gold ever has done.

Yet there are people who despise it, who ridicule it, who spit upon it, who would forever destroy it!

and abuse the party that has saved it so far, and is trying to perpetuate it! Yet there are people who get down

on their knees and worship the golden in the 5th district I beg to say that

to two old political parties, both of business, have decided it best to defer which have endeavored to crucify fiat money!"

Yet there are people who are too big cowards to come out of their old political shells and join the new party, simply because a few hired newspapers call it "fiat money!"—Chicago Express.

We want 50,000 subscribers. Help us to get them, brother. We are going to stand by and fight for you until the last organized foe retires.

STRAW, N. C., June 8, 1891.

GUILFORD COLLEGE, N. C., June 10, 1892.

Mr. Editor:—In the letter of instructions containing my commission was stated that a synopsis of the report of each District Lecturer would be published in our State organ. Now, Mr. Editor, to make an official report is comparatively an easy task, but to make one that will be of interest to the mass of your readers and avoid personalities and egotism is quite a difficult undertaking.

This being an "off year," upon leaving home I confess I felt apprehensive lest I should find a greater degree of apathy among the Alliances than existed last year, but this I found not the case. On my first trip, beginning on the 23d of April and ending on the 14th of May, I visited the counties of Granville Durham, Person and Caswell and found not only greater interest manifested, but also had much larger audiences of members and of the people generally. It is encouraging to see those of other occupations turning out so much more largely to hear our lectures, as this the only way we have of placing sur demands fairly before them, and to hear them express their appreciation and endorsement of the same. Another encouraging feature is the revival or rather increase of interest in the Alliance work shown by our ladies. Their work is being manifested in the improvement of those Sub-Alli-You may ridicule and slander this ances cheered by their presence. If

alien ownership of lands in this WHAT FIAT MONEY HAS DONE. line the effects accomplished in short a time seem miraculous, surpassing our most sanguine expectations, and the credit for this work in a great degree belongs to our State and National organs, which are now being ably seconded by the district organs of the State.

> I take this means of expressing my thanks for the cordial welcome and hospitable entertainment hestowed upon me by both members of the order and those not members wherever my work called me. And let not that brother Lecturer in the Eastern field assume to monopolize the honor of having reversed the proverb that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, etc." Am certain no lecturer in the field has had a warmer reception among his own people and been honored by the attendance upon they even forgot that they had been his appointments of more pretty girls and ministers of all denominations. Indeed the attendance of the latter was so uniform that your modest servant was vain enough to flatter himself that it proceeded from a desire to listen to Alliance doctrine as expounded by him, but "alas for human hopes" this illusion quickly vanished when dinner was announced. Speak-It gave life and energy to one of the ing of dinners I have never seen greater profusion of substantials and delicacies spread before the public day after day than was the case on this trip. To Fairport Alliance, of Granville county. belongs the credit of furnishing, for our meetings, the only trained choir supplied with our Alliance music, and rest assured the audience was charmed with their singing. How much would greater attention to this musical nature contribute to the enjoyment of our meetings. We often read of munificent gifts bestowed upon educational institutions in towns and cities. but who ever heard of the like being done for the country children? At Mt. Tirza, in Person county, situated in a nice grove, is the neatest country school-house I have seen in North Carolina with all modern fixtures for comfort and instruction. The school is presided over by a most accomplished young lady principal and her assistant. The entire cost of building and salaries of teachers have been and are now paid by a noble-hearted Carolinian. The Hon. E. G. Reade takes this method of showing his love for the vicinity and interest in the welfare of its rising generation. Yet so unostentatious is he in his deeds of benevolence, that l doubt if a half dozen people outside of Person county know of his generosity in this instance. I almost feel guilty myself in unveling this monument of love to the gaze of the public. My plea Yet there are people who ridicule of justification is based upon the hope that others may thereby be led to follow his example. To the brethren in the other counties

they are neither forgotten nor over-Yet there are people who still stick looked, but in view of the press of future work until the farmers have more leisure, which explanation, I trust, will meet with their appgroba-Yours fraternally,

J. B. SMITH, Lecturer 5th district

SEAL LETTER FROM DAKOTA. HURON, SOUTH DAKOTA, June 13, '91. W. S. Barnes, Sec'y N. C. F. S. A., Raleigh, N. C .:

MY DEAR BROTHER:-Yours of the 9th inst., enclosing \$2.50 donation by New Hope Alliance, No. 760, Hamer, Caswell Co., N. C., to our relief fund is received. I have by this mail forwarded a receipt for the same to T. J. Taylor, Secretary, Hamer, Caswell Co., as you request. I want to say to you that your State has remembered us most generously in this our affliction, and that we are very grateful to you all. I do not know what our people could have done had it not been for the aid they have and are receiving from the benevolent outside world. It is yet too early in the season to safely prediet what will be the crop outcome this season. There have been generous rains in the larger portion of the State, while the parts not touched by these rains are being burnt out. There is a section of several miles around this city that is exceedingly dry, and the crop prospect is gloomy. Also a section of country around Kimball, Brule county (my home), and some fifty miles square, is fearfully dry. In my judgment, a total crop failure is our doom. What we will be able to do God alone knows. To me it seems certain that we have got to abandon our farms, our homes, and our all, and walk out of this country, whither the Lord may lead us. It is enough to crush the strongest of us. I can't write of it. May our Heavenly Father have compassion upon my people and bless you all for your kindness.

> Yours most kindly. W. H. CURTISS, S. A. R. Com.

Those who have seen the Groupe Picof this great organization in three years ture of our Leaders are enthusiastic I should unhesitatingly pronounce it to over it. Subscribe now and get one by be as an educational factor. On this return mail, free.